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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"(a) No; but a petition, dated 27th July 1952, from the agricultural labourers was, however, received by the Collector of Krishna.

"(b) Does not arise.

"(c) No.

"(d) No.

"(e) The agricultural labourers did not cultivate the lands. No action was taken against the landlords (ryots) as they were in occupation of the lands under pattas granted by the landholder of the village and as the village was covered by the injunction orders of the High Court under the Estates Abolition Act, 1948."

Hostel for the students of Law College.

* 474 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the total strength of the students of the Law College in the year 1952–53;

(b) the net surplus income available from the Law College during the academic year 1951–52;

(c) whether Government have got figures of students who are not lodging with their guardians in the City; or in any recognized hostel or lodge; and

(d) whether any representations have been received from the students of the Law College requesting the Government to provide a hostel for them and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Education) :—"(a) 1,260.

"(b) Rs. 95,704.

"(c) Yes, about 700 students.

"(d) Representations have been received from the students. The Government are actively considering the question of providing hostel facilities. I may invite the Member's attention to my answer to question No. 128-A[a]."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* CLOSURE OF THE SHORANUR INDUSTRIES, LIMITED, MALABAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni, has given notice of an adjournment motion. It reads as follows :—

'This House stands adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the closing down of the Shoranur Metal Industries, Limited, Malabar, on 5th December 1952 by orders of the Government of Madras resulting in unemployment to the workers and grave concern to the public.'

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[a] Answered on 25th November 1952.

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I wish to know from the Hon. Minister for Industries and Labour whether it is a Government concern or a private concern and whether the Government have ordered the closure of the factory.''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' Sir, the Shoranur Metal Industries, Limited, Malabar, is a private concern to which the Government have given State-aid. The concern has not been paying back the money that is due to the Government and therefore the Government have asked the Collector to attach the machinery in lieu of the payment of money. We have not asked for the closure of the factory; we only wanted the instalments to be paid to us. The management are responsible for closing down the factory. Sir, it is not a matter of recent origin also. This has been going on for nearly seven months. Therefore, Sir, it cannot be discussed on the floor of this House.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' The Hon. Minister for Industries and Labour stated that the Government had not closed down the factory and it was the management that closed down the factory. Sir, I would like to correct him. The information that we have got is the Government have sealed the factory for failure of payment of instalments by the management. Whether the Government had ordered the closure of the factory or they had sealed it, it was an action of the Government. Therefore, Sir, it is a matter which is relevant and can be discussed on the floor of the House.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' But the concern owes to the Government several lakhs of rupees.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' Yes, Sir. The Government obviously cannot close down the factory otherwise.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' If the Government ask the concern to pay back the money, it comes under day-to-day administration.''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' Sir, the sealing was done to prevent the machinery being sold without the knowledge of the Government.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' It is not the Government that are responsible for the closure of the factory. Therefore I rule the adjournment motion out of order.''

* SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—'' అధ్యక్షా, ప్రశ్నలు వేసే సమయములో మంత్రులు వాటికి సమాధానము చెప్పడం 'చెవిటిపెద్దమ్మా చేంతాడు ఎక్కడుందంటే మాఅమ్మపుట్టిల్లు బెజవాడ' అన్నట్లున్నది. మేము వేసిన ప్రశ్నలు తెలియకపోతే, వాటికి translate చేయించుకొని సరియైన సమాధానాలివ్వాలి లేక ఆ ప్రశ్నలకు నోటీసు అడగాలి. అలాకాకుండా, మా ప్రశ్నలకు అర్థంచేసుకొనకనే అసమర్థమైన సమాధానాలు చెప్పడం సరిఅయిన పద్ధతిగాదు. కనుక స్పీకరుగారు ఈ విషయములో సరియైన ఏర్పాటుచేయవలెనని కోరుచున్నాను.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' What he says is this. While replying to questions, some of the Ministers at any rate reply in

a way which reminds us of a Tamil proverb பட்டுக்கோட்டைக்கு என்ன வழி என்றால், கொட்டைப்பாக்கு பத்து பணம், என்பதைப் போல. If the Ministers do not understand the question, it would be better if they get it translated and give proper answers instead of giving irrelevant answers.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' As far as I am concerned, the Chair cannot interfere regarding the method of answering by the Hon. Ministers. But hon. Members can move a cut motion during the Budget discussion and press it to a division if they want it.''

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

(1) FOOD SITUATION IN THE STATE—*cont.*

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—'' On a point of privilege, Sir. An important topic like the food situation in the entire State is being discussed to-day; but I find that none of the Members representing the Chingleput district has been given a chance to voice forth his feelings about the situation in that district. Does it mean, Sir, that there is no food problem in the Chingleput district? I find . . .''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' I cannot make any distinction between one district and another district. All that I do is to call Members who catch my eye. Mr. V. V. Ramaswami Nadar will speak now.''

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Why not at least one Member from Chingleput be allowed to speak, Sir?''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' The Leader of the Opposition is going to speak to-day and the Hon. Chief Minister also will reply to the debate. There is not much time before us.''

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—'' We are also equally important as the leaders, Sir.''

10-30 a.m. *Sri **V. V. RAMASAMI** :—'' அவைத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, இப்பொழுது நமது சட்டசபையில் விவாதிக்கப்படும் பிரச்னையானது நாட்டிலுள்ள உணவு நிலைமையைப் பற்றி. இந்திய நாடு சுதந்திரம் அடைந்த பின்பு நமது நாட்டு மக்கள் தங்களுக்குத் தேவையான பொருள்களையும் பண்டங்களையும் எவ்வளவு தூரம் தாங்களாகவே உற்பத்தி செய்து கொண்டு தானே தங்களுடைய வாழ்க்கைத் தரத்தை உயர்த்த வேண்டிய வழிகளையும் அவர்கள் செய்து கொள்ளவேண்டும் என்ற உணர்ச்சி எங்கும் பரவி இருந்தது என்பது எல்லோருக்கும் தெரிந்த விஷயம். வெளி நாடுகளிலிருந்து இறக்குமதியாகும் உணவு பொருள்களை எவ்வளவுக் கெவ்வளவு குறைத்து அதன் மூலம் மிச்சப்படும் பணத்தைக்கொண்டு நாட்டின் நிதி நிலைமையை செவ்வனே வைத்துக் கொள்ளவேண்டும் என்பது நமது தலைவர்களுடைய விருப்பம் ஆகும். இந்த நிலைமையில் நமது நாட்டில் இருக்கும் உணவு பற்றுக்குறையை தீர்க்க வேண்டும் என்ற பொறுப்பு அரசியலாருக்கு மட்டும் இல்லை, மற்றும் எல்லா மக்களுக்கும் பெரிய வேதனையாக இருந்து வந்திருக்கிறது என்பது ஒப்புக்கொள்ள வேண்டிய விஷயமாகும். போர்முடிந்த சில ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பு நாட்டில் இருர்கும் பற்றுக்குறையை நிவர்த்தி பண்ணுவதற்கு உணவு பங்கீட்டு முறையை அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டு வரும் வகையில் மக்களுக்கு பல முறைகளில் அவர்கள் உதவி செய்துவந்தார்கள். அப்படி அவர்கள் எடுத்துக் கொண்டது அவசியம் என்று கருதி நாட்டில் இருக்கக் கூடிய நிலங்களிலெல்லாம் அவரவர்களுடைய சக்திக்கு ஏற்றவாறு உணவு பொருள்களை